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C.   AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Original) A method of managing customer security features
     by a security server, said method comprising:
     receiving a request from a requestor;
     authenticating the requestor; and
     manipulating one or more security features stored in a data
          area corresponding to a customer in response to the
          request.

2.   (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein at
     least one of the security features is selected from the
     group consisting of a photograph of the customer, a
     customer signature, a digital signature corresponding to
     the customer, a fingerprint, and a description of the
     customer.

3.   (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further
     comprising:
     receiving one or more new security features from the
          customer;
     assigning an item identifier to each of the new security
          features; and
     storing the new security features in the data area
          corresponding to the customer.

4.   (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further
     comprising:
     receiving an authorization from a customer, the
          authorization including a first merchant identifier;
     storing the authorization;

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receiving a retrieval request from a merchant, the
retrieval request including a customer identifier
corresponding to the customer and a second merchant
identifier corresponding to the merchant;
validating the merchant request, the validating including:
retrieving the authorization; and
comparing the first merchant identifier to the second
merchant identifier; and
returning one or more security features corresponding to
the customer in response to the first merchant
identifier matching the second merchant identifier.

5.   (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further
comprising:
receiving an authorization from a customer, the
authorization including a public key corresponding to
the merchant;
storing the authorization and the merchant's public key;
receiving an encrypted retrieval request from a merchant,
the encrypted retrieval request encrypted using a
private key corresponding to the merchant's public
key;
deciphering the encrypted retrieval request using the
stored public key; and
returning one or more security features corresponding to
the customer in response to the deciphering.

6.   (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further
comprising:
receiving an edit request from a customer, the edit request
including a customer identifier and one or more

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updated security features, the security features each
including an security item identifier;
locating a stored security feature corresponding to each of
the security item identifiers; and
replacing the stored security features with the updated
security features.

7. (Original) The method as described in claim 6 further
comprising:
verifying the customer, the verifying including:
receiving a secret customer identifier from the
customer; and
comparing the secret customer identifier with a stored
secret customer identifier corresponding to the
customer.

8. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the
request includes an encrypted packet that is encrypted
using a private key corresponding to the requestor, the
method further comprising:
locating a stored public key corresponding to the
requestor; and
deciphering the encrypted packet using the stored public
key, the deciphering verifying the identity of the
requestor, wherein the manipulating is performed in
response to the encrypted packet being successfully
deciphered.

9. (Original) An information handling system comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;

a network interface for communicating with other
    information handling systems;

one or more nonvolatile storage areas accessible by the
    processors; and

a security feature management tool to manage customer
    security features, the security feature management
    tool including:

    means for receiving a request from a requestor;

    means for authenticating the requestor;

    means for manipulating one or more security features
        stored in a data area corresponding to a customer
        in response to the request.

10. (Original) The information handling system as described in
    claim 9 wherein the request includes an encrypted packet
    that is encrypted using a private key corresponding to the
    requestor, the information handling system further
    comprising:

    means for locating a stored public key corresponding to the
        requestor; and

    means for deciphering the encrypted packet using the stored
        public key, the deciphering verifying the identity of
        the requestor, wherein the manipulating is performed
        in response to the encrypted packet being successfully
        deciphered.

11. (Original) The information handling system as described in
    claim 9 further comprising:

    means for receiving an authorization from a customer, the
        authorization including a first merchant identifier;

    means for storing the authorization;

means for receiving a retrieval request from a merchant,
    the retrieval request including a customer identifier
    corresponding to the customer and a second merchant
    identifier corresponding to the merchant;
means for validating the merchant request, the validating
    including:
    retrieving the authorization; and
    comparing the first merchant identifier to the second
        merchant identifier; and
means for returning one or more security features
    corresponding to the customer in response to the first
    merchant identifier matching the second merchant
    identifier.

12. (Original) The information handling system as described in
     claim 9 further comprising:
     means for receiving one or more new security features from
         the customer;
     means for assigning an item identifier to each of the new
         security features; and
     means for storing the new security features in the data
         area corresponding to the customer.

13. (Original) A computer program product stored on a computer
     operable medium for managing customer security features by
     a security server, said computer program product
     comprising:
     means for receiving a request from a requestor;
     means for authenticating the requestor; and
     means for manipulating one or more security features stored
         in a data area corresponding to a customer in response
         to the request.

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14.   (Original) The computer program product as described in
       claim 13 wherein at least one of the security features is
       selected from the group consisting of a photograph of the
       customer, a customer signature, a digital signature
       corresponding to the customer, a fingerprint, and a
       description of the customer.

15.   (Original) The computer program product as described in
       claim 13 further comprising:
       means for receiving one or more new security features from
            the customer;
       means for assigning an item identifier to each of the new
            security features; and
       means for storing the new security features in the data
            area corresponding to the customer.

16.   (Original) The computer program product as described in
       claim 13 further comprising:
       means for receiving an authorization from a customer, the
            authorization including a first merchant identifier;
       means for storing the authorization;
       means for receiving a retrieval request from a merchant,
            the retrieval request including a customer identifier
            corresponding to the customer and a second merchant
            identifier corresponding to the merchant;
       means for validating the merchant request, the validating
            including:
            retrieving the authorization; and
            comparing the first merchant identifier to the second
                 merchant identifier; and
       means for returning one or more security features
            corresponding to the customer in response to the first

merchant identifier matching the second merchant
identifier.

17.   (Original) The computer program product as described in
       claim 13 further comprising:
       means for receiving an authorization from a customer, the
              authorization including a public key corresponding to
              the merchant;
       means for storing the authorization and the merchant's
              public key;
       means for receiving an encrypted retrieval request from a
              merchant, the encrypted retrieval request encrypted
              using a private key corresponding to the merchant's
              public key;
       means for deciphering the encrypted retrieval request using
              the stored public key; and
       means for returning one or more security features
              corresponding to the customer in response to the
              deciphering.

18.   (Original) The computer program product as described in
       claim 13 further comprising:
       means for receiving an edit request from a customer, the
              edit request including a customer identifier and one
              or more updated security features, the security
              features each including an security item identifier;
       means for locating a stored security feature corresponding
              to each of the security item identifiers; and
       means for replacing the stored security features with the
              updated security features.

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19. (Original) The computer program product as described in
     claim 18 further comprising:
     means for verifying the customer, the verifying including:
          means for receiving a secret customer identifier from
               the customer; and
          means for comparing the secret customer identifier
               with a stored secret customer identifier
               corresponding to the customer.

20. (Original) The computer program product as described in
     claim 13 wherein the request includes an encrypted packet
     that is encrypted using a private key corresponding to the
     requestor, the computer program product further comprising:
     means for locating a stored public key corresponding to the
          requestor; and
     means for deciphering the encrypted packet using the stored
          public key, the deciphering verifying the identity of
          the requestor, wherein the manipulating is performed
          in response to the encrypted packet being successfully
          deciphered.

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